

CALENDAR:

**Monday, September 14th**  
Men & Women's Bible Study  
7:00 pm with Zoom

**Saturday, September 19th**  
Ministry to the Homeless  
Austin St. Shelter @ 11am

**Monday, September 28th**  
Men & Women's Bible Study  
7:00 pm with Zoom

# SEPTEMBER 2020

## “Response And Redemption”

**B**lessings and Peace in Christ:

For many of us it seems that we have taken on a new normal. It may not be what we would like, yet it is our new normal all the same. I hear a lot of conflicting attitudes with regards to the current expectations we are getting from our authorities. I would like to temper some of these with words from Sacred Scripture. We hear from the Prophets Habakkuk and Jeremiah that God can even use evil people to accomplish His plan. There are two distinct lessons for us to learn from this. First, although God does not create or condone sin, He is able to accomplish His goals through anyone. Therefore always be willing to look past your opinion of someone and ask yourself if God may be using this person to bring about His plan. The second lesson follows along this same mindset, in that God is bigger than our problems and struggles. He can make good out of bad and righteousness out of sinfulness. God is about redemption, and since we are all subject to sin, we need the redemption of the Lord in our lives.

How we respond to the matters of this life evidences the way we will deal with matters of eternal life. Have we become a rebellious people? Are we willing to respond to the struggles of this life in a loving and merciful way? Let us look to how Jesus dealt with opposition and struggle and may we emulate Him in all things.

Let us open our heart and seek the redemption of the Lord, that we may be transformed into what He created us to be.

Peace and Blessings,



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# NEWS & UPDATES

## Helping Hands Items of the Month Cereal

### Helping Hands



### Volunteer this Month Pam Slovak

This has been an ongoing ministry of our congregation for many years. Please consider being a part of our giving to Helping Hands.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Must wear a face covering in order to attend.
- No childcare is available at this time as well as Sunday School.
- The 8:30am worship service is still being recorded for live streaming for those who are unable to attend.
- Eucharist will only be received in the hand and will be distributed at your seat.
- Passing of the Peace will continue to be suspended.
- Please discard your bulletin or take it home with you as you leave. It will not be recycled for use in the next worship service.

## COMBINED MEN & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday, September 14th  
Monday, September 28th  
@ 7:00pm  
Online Classroom in Zoom

### **REMEMBER TO**

*Register each week  
for worship.  
Currently, seating is  
limited to 50 individuals.*

Christian education will be home based until the first of the year. Please contact the Church for material.

## Server's List

### 8:30 am Mass

| Date        | 09/06/2020      | 09/13/2020          | 09/20/2020      | 09/27/2020      |  |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Reader      | Gerry Lamb      | Marguerite Brindock | Tracy McLeland  | Vicki Graska    |  |
| Altar Guild | Tracy McLeland  | Karen Anderson      | Jody McGee      | Margie Chung    |  |
| Server      | Preston Landman | Preston Landman     | Preston Landman | Preston Landman |  |

### 10:00 am Mass

| Date        | 09/06/2020    | 09/13/2020 | 09/20/2020       | 09/27/2020    |  |
|-------------|---------------|------------|------------------|---------------|--|
| Reader      | Josh Zachary  | Jeff Gay   | Juan Garza       | Angela Garza  |  |
| Altar Guild | Yolanda Garza | Pam Slovak | Cristina Zachary | Yolanda Garza |  |
| Server      | Juan Garza    | Juan Garza | Juan Garza       | Juan Garza    |  |

# Advertisements

**“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)**

**“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:2)**

**“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” (Colossians 3:15)**

If we **"pray without ceasing,"** all of these things become easier. I like to pray paraphrased versions of the above; maybe we'll look at a few more verses I think of as 'quick-prayers' in the future. Peace.

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## Saint Matthias Catholic Church

116 Kenway St  
Rockwall, TX 75087  
972-771-1378

Sunday English Mass.....8:30 am &  
10:00 am

Must register in order to attend live worship.

Confession.....Available by appointment

No childcare or Sunday School until further notice.



## Saint Matthias Church Office

102 Kenway St  
Rockwall, TX 75087  
972-771-1378

### Office Hours

Monday 9:00 am — 1:00 pm  
Tuesday 9:00 am — 1:00 pm  
Thursday 9:00am— 1:00pm  
Friday 9:00 am — 1:00 pm

Please call to make an appointment.